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Mrs. Barbara Tuchman

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Dear Mrs. Tuchman,

A few years ago when I was President of the Naval War College you and I missed connections several times. You were unable to accept several invitations I proffered to speak to or attend conferences at the College. I recall hoping that you would talk about one of your written articles that warned against educating military men too much in nonmilitary fields!

I would now like to ask if you would be kind enough to make a presentation to my new constituency, the United States Intelligence Community. We have a Guest Speaker Program which is intended to stimulate intelligence personnel to more innovative thinking, particularly to get them to stretch their horizons beyond their day-to-day concerns and endeavors. Every several months we ask some distinguished speaker such as yourself to come and spend an hour and a quarter with us in our CIA auditorium. We would hope for a thirty-to forty-minute talk followed by a question period. The audience would be composed not only of personnel from the Central Intelligence Agency but also from all of the other intelligence organizations in the Washington, D.C. area. There are normally 300-500 attendees.

I think you could be of great help in reminding us of the continued importance of keeping history in mind as we go about analyzing current affairs. A large portion of all intelligence activity is researching, analyzing, and interpreting recent data. I sincerely believe we could profit from being more aware that there is also historical data and precedent available to be considered.

Normally we have these lectures on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:15. We hope you might be available on 13 February. If that week is not convenient to you, we'd be happy to adjust. Our Guest Speaker honorarium is \$500 in addition to round-trip coach air transportation.

I would be very grateful if you would be willing to do this for us, and look forward very much to the opportunity of meeting you.

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Dear Mrs. Tuchman:

My colleagues in intelligence and I would consider it an honor if you would agree to be CIA Guest Speaker on Tuesday, 13 February 1979. The CIA Guest Speaker Program brings three or four distinguished Americans each year to Langley to address 400-500 CIA employees and guests from the Intelligence Community on topics significant to the discipline of intelligence. The program consists of a lecture and question period, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and lasting until about 4:15 p.m.

No one is more in need of the arts of the historian than we of the intelligence profession, and no one is more tempted by the demands of current affairs to try to do without. You would render us a service to remind us of the imperatives of history in contemporary affairs and, as well, the methods and special insights of the historian. We leave the topic and approach to you. You may wish to engage in a broad discussion of "History and Intelligence" or one confined to lessons applicable to us that were learned in your researches on China, the Middle East, or other areas.

The Guest Speaker honorarium is \$500 in addition to round-trip coach air transportation.

It would be a pleasure to have you here, and I hope you can accept. If 13 February is not convenient for you, we hope you will suggest another date.

Our Special Programs Officer, [REDACTED] will be glad to discuss any detail of the program with you. She may be reached on (703) 351-2365.

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Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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November 6, 1978

Admiral Stansfield Turner  
The Director  
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Dear Admiral Turner:

Your proposal of an opportunity to remind the C.I.A. of "the continued importance of keeping history in mind" in the process of analyzing current affairs, is an irresistible temptation. I am hooked. Although I am not sure that what I may say will be palatable to the audience, I would like to make the effort, and accept your invitation.

Do you think you might have February 20th or 27th available as I have another commitment for the 13th?

Very sincerely,

*Barbara Tuchman*

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